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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 17, 2002, and pursuant to the conversation of the undersigned with Supervising Examiner Mai on January 9, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 12, 2002, be extended for a period of two (2) months from August 12, 2002 to and including October 12, 2002. Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 8, 2002 within the two-month extension period to file a response.

It is respectfully requested that applicants be charged the fee prevailing at the time the response to the Restriction Requirement was filed, which fee is estimated to be \$400.00. Please charge the required fee, and any additional fee which may be due, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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